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SUBJECT: VISIT AMBASSADOR ARMSTRONG TO NORTHERN IRELAND

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM BELFAST PASSED TO YOUR ACTION
-- QUOTE BELFAST 138, APRIL 5, 1976:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: AMBASSADOR ARMSTRONG VISITED NORTHERN IRELAND APRIL 1 AND 2 PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE INVITATION ULSTER TELEVISION (UTV) TO INAUGURATE SPECIAL UTV "SALUTE TO AMERICA" WEEK COMMEMORATING BICENTENNIAL (REFTEL). APRIL 1 AMBASSADOR CALLED ON LORD MAYOR BELFAST, VISITED QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST MEETING VICE CHANCELLOR SIR ARTHUR VICK, AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS. SHE ADDRESSED BELFAST JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT LUNCH, MET STAFF AND PRESS AT CONGEN, RECEIVED BRIEFING AT NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, GAVE LIVE INTERVIEW ON MAIN UTV NEWS PROGRAM AND ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN IN HER HONOR BY SECRETARY OF STATE MERLYN REES. GUESTS INCLUDED MPS JIM KILFEDDER (UNIONIST), GERRY FITT, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY AND WILLIAM CRAIG, VANGUARD UNIONIST PARTY. AMONG OTHER GUESTS WERE AMERICAN MANAGER GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER (NORTHERN IRELAND) AND MANAGER DUPONT. APRIL 2 AMBASSADOR TOURED ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK UNDER
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CONSTRUCTION AT CAMP HILL NEAR OMAGH, LUNCED AT OMAGH

TECHNICAL COLLEGE WITH MEAL PREPARED BY CATERING STUDENTS
PLANTED A SEQUOIA TREE AT THE NEW AMERICAN TRAIL AT
GORTIN GLEN FOREST PARK AND VISITED CHILDREN'S AND CASU-
ALTY WARDS AT TYRONE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

3. CONGEN EVALUATES AMBASSADOR VISIT AS COMPLETE SUCCESS.
LOCAL PRESS AND TELEVISION FEATURED VISIT BOTH DAYS AND
THERE NO RPT NO HOSTILE COVERAGE IN EITHER LOCAL OR
METROPOLITAN MEDIA. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT WAS REACTION
NORTHERN IRELAND PEOPLE WHICH OBVIOUSLY UNANIMOUSLY
FAVORABLE. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED STANDING OVATION FOLLOW-
ING REMARKS AT JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH. THIS
UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY OF CLUB. MOVING INCIDENT OF
TRIP OCCURRED FOLLOWING THIS LUNCH WHEN SEVERAL HUNDRED
PEOPLE WHO HAD GATHERED IN BOMB-BATTERED ROYAL AVENUE PR-
ESSED TO GREET AMBASSADOR. CONGEN TELEPHONES BUSY BOTH
DAYS WITH CALLS ASKING THAT AMBASSADOR BE THANKED FOR
COMING. ONE SUCH CALL WAS FROM GROUP OF WORKERS AT
LUNCH IN PUB. CONGEN ALSO RECEIVED TELEGRAMS FROM INDI-
VIDUALS AND GROUPS SUCH AS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
WOMEN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR VISIT. NORTHERN IRE-
LAND PEOPLE AWARE OF AND DEEPLY TOUCHED BY FACT AMBASSA-
DOR VISITED NORTHERN IRELAND LESS THAN ONE MONTH AFTER
ARRIVING IN UK. END QUOTE.

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